



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	18-0022 September Severe Weather Incident
Date	September 13, 2018
Time	7:00 AM
Operational Period	September 12 - September 13, 2018
Report Number	2

Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	2, 3 and 6
DDCs Active	15, 16B, 21 and 17

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On September 12th, 2018 Governor Greg Abbott ordered the Texas State Operations Center (SOC) to further increase its readiness level to level II (escalated response conditions) beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 13th, as a tropical disturbance in the Gulf of Mexico continues to move toward the Texas coast. Governor Abbott directed the SOC to increase its readiness level from level IV (normal conditions) to level III (increased readiness) at 12:00 p.m. yesterday. Governor Abbott has made state resources available to assist local officials in their response efforts.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

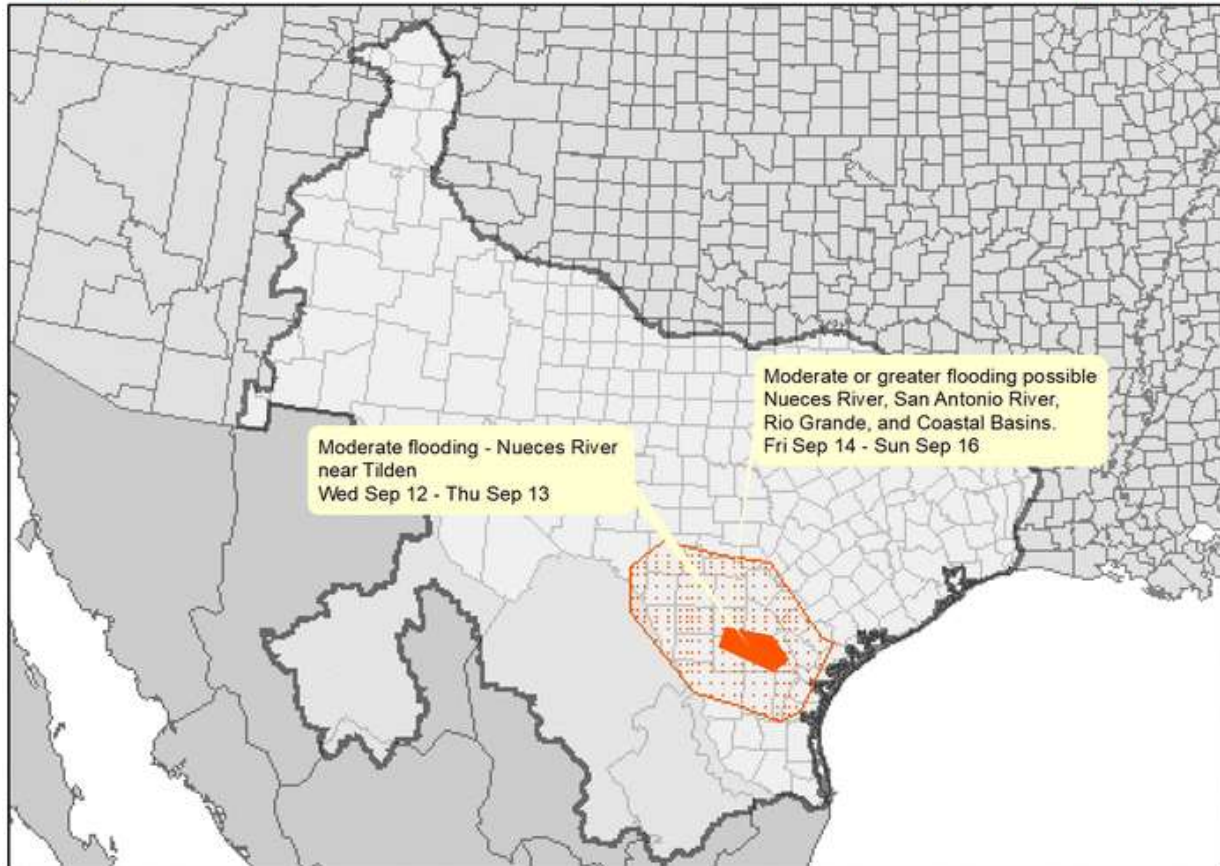
1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.



Significant River Flood Outlook

Valid: 9/12/2018 - 9/17/2018

West Gulf River Forecast Center 9/12/2018 1:25:32 PM



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING POSSIBLE.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING LIKELY.**



**SIGNIFICANT RIVER
FLOODING OCCURRING
OR IS IMMINENT.**

Significant River Flooding Impacts include:
Roads adversely affected. Residential,
commercial, industrial, and/or agricultural
areas affected. May require evacuation of people.

NOTE: Flash Flooding or Minor River Flooding
will NOT be included in this outlook.

Region 2 (Includes DDCs 13, 14, 15, 16 Houston, 16 Texas City, 16 Conroe, and DDC Pierce)

DDC 14 – Lufkin (Includes: Angelina, Houston, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby, Trinity and Tyler Counties) – DDC 14 and the Jasper/Newton/Sabine EOC have increased their readiness levels.

DDC 15 – Beaumont (Includes: Hardin, Jefferson and Orange Counties) – The DDC has increased its readiness to Level III (Increased Readiness). Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties, City of Orange, and Lamar University EOCs have activated.

DDC 16 – Houston (Includes: Chambers and Harris Counties) – The City of Seabrook EOC has increased its readiness level.

DDC 16 – Texas City (Includes: Brazoria and Galveston Counties) – The DDC has increased their readiness to Level III (Increased Readiness) and the Galveston County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) increased their readiness to Level II (Escalated Response).

Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21, and 24)

DDC 19 – Laredo (Includes: Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata, Counties) – The cities of Escobares and Roma distributed sand bags to residents and businesses.

DDC 20 – Corpus Christi (Includes: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio and San Patricio Counties) – The DDC increased their readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions) on September 12, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Nueces County and the Cities of Kingsville and Aransas Pass EOCs are activated.

DDC 21 – Weslaco (Includes: Cameron, Hidalgo and Willacy Counties) – The DDC increased its readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness) and the City of Mission EOC has activated. The City of Donna opened a community shelter at the Donna Recreation Center located at 307 Miller Road in anticipation of the impending weather. The City of Edinburg submitted a disaster declaration on Wednesday.

DDC 24 – Del Rio (Includes: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties) – Dimmit County EMC reported that an irrigation dam has exceeded maximum capacity resulting in water overflow on Tuesday September 11th..

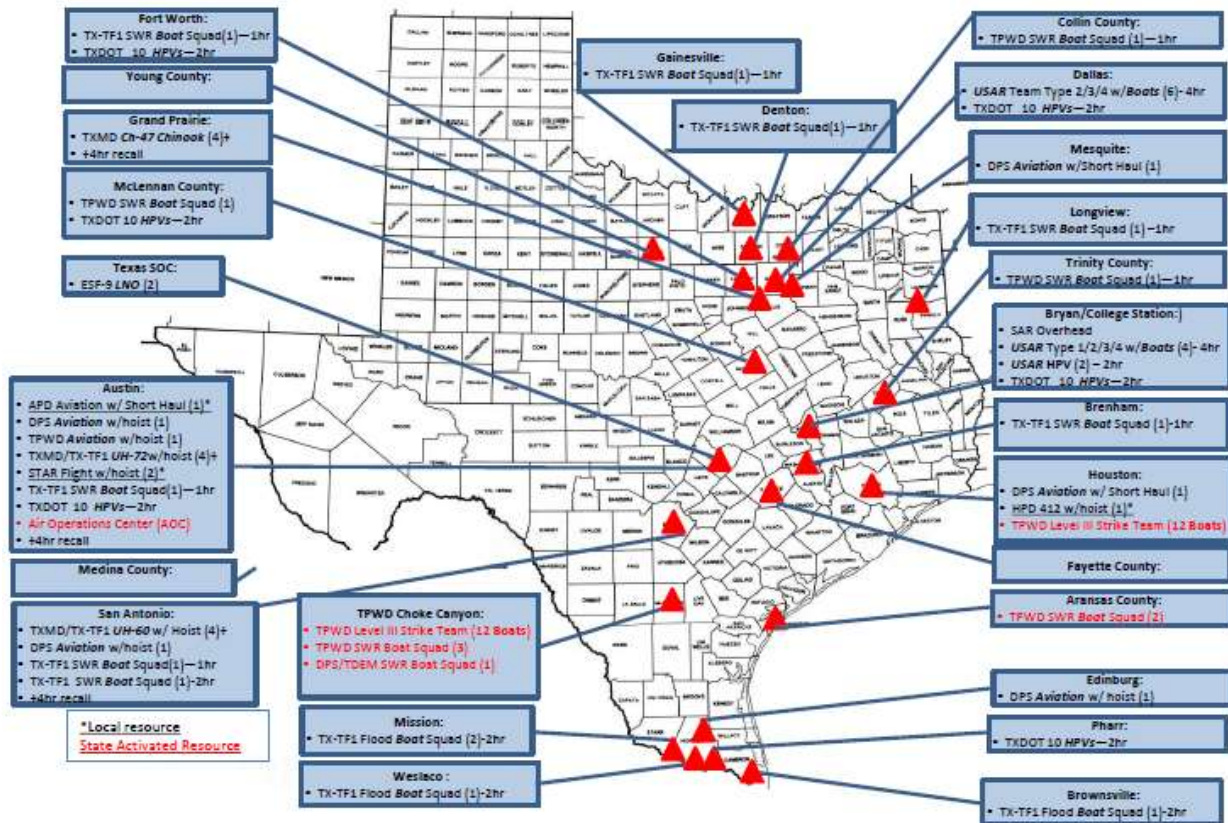
Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)

DDC 17 – Victoria (Includes: Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Lavaca, Jackson and Victoria Counties) – Increased its readiness level to Readiness Level III (Increased Readiness).

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – 1 (TX-TF1) – Emergency Support Function-9 (ESF-9) is currently staffing positions in the SOC and have identified two search and rescue boat teams.

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Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC, DDC 16B and DDC 17.

Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) – Currently staffing a position in the SOC. Regional/Field Staff are on-call in anticipation of needing to support the local jurisdictions.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Currently staffing positions in the SOC.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – TxDOT is currently staffing positions in the SOC. Activated one water barrier in Pharr.

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP) – THP Tactical Marine Unit (TMU) personnel have been placed on stand-by and are located at various locations around the state. The TMU Rescue Swimmers are prepared to deploy with DPS Aviation and the TMU swift water rescue teams are on stand-by with boats.

THP has been requested to inspect buses at various locations in preparation for the evacuation of affected residents if necessary.

Texas Military Department (TMD) – Currently supporting the state with SOC support personnel. TMD has assigned MDC's (Military District Coordinators) for DDC's 18B and 17, SOC Logistics Support, Air Operations Center (AOC) and a Ground Transportation Company.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) – Game Wardens are activating personnel and equipment for potential Search and Rescue operations along the Gulf Coast and South Texas following the landfall of the forecasted tropical storm.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – DSHS Emergency Medical Task Force (EMTF) resources are standing by for mission requests to support potential flooding in South Texas. Resources from mainly EMTF 6, 8 & 11 have been rostered in their respective regions and have been activated or mobilized, but have yet to be deployed. RHMO (Regional Health Medical Operations Center) will deploy ESF-8 LNO to DDC 21 beginning 07:00 AM September 13, 2018.

The Salvation Army (TSA) – TSA is actively coordinating with the local emergency management community for any unmet needs.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Quantity	Status	Resource Location
DSHS	Medical Incident Support Team (MIST)	2	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	AMBUS	5	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Ambulance Strike Teams (AST)	5	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Mobile Medical Units Type I/III (MMU)	2	Activated	Rostered in Region
DSHS	Ambulance Staging Management Teams, Type IV (ASMT)	2	Activated	Rostered in Region
TCEQ	SOC Support	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TFS	DDC Support	1	Assigned	DDC 17 Victoria
TFS	DDC Support	1	Assigned	DDC 16B Texas City
TFS	SOC Support	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
THP	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	SOC Support	6	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	MEAL Support Logistics Section	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TMD	MDC 18B	1	Activated	San Antonio ARCC
TMD	TMD Logistics Section Support	3	Activated	SOC/Austin
TMD	Ground Transportation Company	60	Activated	RGV Area
TMD	Military District Coordinator (MDC) 17	1	Activated	Victoria Area
TMD	MDC 21	1	Activated	McAllen

TMD	Air Operations Center (AOC)	TBD	Activated	Camp Mabry/Austin
TPWD	SOC Liaison	1	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TPWD	Strike Team's (Equipment)	68	Activated	Houston area/Choke Canyon Reservoir
TPWD	Strike Team (Personnel)	56	Activated	Houston area/Choke Canyon Reservoir
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Equipment)	1	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	Airbus 350 helicopter (Personnel)	3	Activated	Austin (DPS TFO Assigned)
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Equipment)	5	Activated	Aransas and McMullen Counties
TPWD	SAR Boat Squads (Personnel)	15	Activated	Aransas and McMullen Counties
TSA	Mobile Feeding Units	7	Standby	Various
TX-TF1	SOC Liaisons	2	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	SOC Support	3	Assigned	SOC/Austin
TxDOT	Water Barrier	1	Activated	Pharr

Port Status:

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Corpus Christi – Ports of Brownsville, Corpus Christi and Victoria are in set Port Condition X-Ray which begins planning for preventive measures in advance of a storm. Traffic control measures significantly limiting vessel movement and activities will be imposed if gale force winds are within 24 hours of the port

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Houston/Galveston – No change, open to normal traffic.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) Sector Port Arthur – Calhoun Port Authority has restrictions due to recovery operations from a previous event. Port of Orange has a 23' draft restriction.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) increased the readiness level to readiness Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) at 7:00 AM on September 13, 2018. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/sitrep/default.aspx>.*

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